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THE NEWS Looks At Life In MAINE ... Elmhurst



CO-DONOR AND BENEFICIARIES—Mrs. Jane Hyde Fenn of Bath, who with her two sisters gave the palatial Elmhurst estate to the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, is shown with four children the society has benefited.



PRESIDENT TWICE OVER—President Julius Seelye Butler of Colby college is also president of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, recipients of Elmhurst.



CENTER OF THERAPY—Elmhurst, built in 1912 and 1914 by John Hyde, this year was given by the Hyde granddaughters to the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children to widen the scope of the society's work.

Work Of Society For Crippled Children Enhanced By New Home

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Elmhurst, the palatial residence of the late John Hyde, which he had constructed as a sort of private PWA project in 1912-1914, and which he later sold at a loss, is again to become the center of crippled children's therapy. Built at an estimated cost of a half million dollars, it has been taken over by the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children—an outright gift of the three Hyde granddaughters, Mrs. Nancy Hyde Knightsbridge, Mrs. Robert L. Preston of Brunswick, and Mrs. Jane Hyde Fenn of Bath.

In this one gesture were fulfilled two dreams of the Hyde family. One was that the estate should be used for the benefit of crippled children while deriving its benefits, and that of the Society which had long desired to have a permanent home where crippled children could be treated in the best possible way.

Elmhurst, which is now being converted to a purpose, situated on spacious grounds, will be ideal for sun treatment. The building contains 20 bedrooms, a large dining room, a library, a music room, a swimming pool, a large library and a lobby.

SOCIAL CENTER

Robert L. Preston, a fellow in the Institute of Architecture, and his associate, John S. Shook, a swimming pool in the basement, have been engaged to plan the interior. The building will contain a large flower and vegetable garden where the children who are physically handicapped can grow their own vegetables and flowers, and where they can sit at light tasks.

At present, the home has witnessed many happy social events, reminiscent of the Golden Age of clude House. Outstanding was the annual ball, which was held last year in the ballroom, and which attracted nearly 300 of the city's royal people attended a recital by Madame Anna de Gouges, a famous French pianist, and her son, Jean-Pierre, a talented pianist. Emilia de Gouges. Refreshments were served in the ballroom.

SPONSORED GYMNASIUM

Hyde was born in 1860 in Bath, and received his education at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, from which he was graduated in 1882. He became a civil engineer and worked for the U.S. Army at Fort Monroe, Va., for several years.

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Father of many, Hyde stood always ready with large sums of money to help his sons. His son, John Hyde, Jr., attended Bowdoin College, to which he owed no allegiance except perhaps a desire to be near his father. John Hyde, Jr., died in 1937.

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This is contrary to the popular belief that the Hyde athletic association was founded by the son, John Hyde, Jr., whose president who died in the summer of 1937.

It is believed that the reason for the name needed was the underlying factor prompting his understanding the extension of the Elmhurst estate to the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children. The original estate about the estate were reclaimed and converted into a great park. In 1938, the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, which had been known as Bowdoin Rock, was incorporated under the laws of Maine, and in 1940 the organization incorporated in 1940 as a statewide organization of Maine citizens who wanted to help crippled children. The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children is a branch of the National Society for Crippled Children, which is a branch of the National Society for Crippled Children.

BRANCHES OUT

A year ago the Society started a program to stimulate community consciousness of the importance of finding and aiding children who are crippled. This program has been successful, and an occupational therapist, who gave special training and treatment to 20 crippled children, has been engaged to help them. The money raised by these children warranted the continuance of the program, and the Society is planning to coordinate services for crippled children throughout the state. The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and the children of all ages are the little ones.

There is a new camp for crippled children, known as the summer camp at North Pond, Rome, the first camp for crippled children in the state. The camp is located on the shores of a lake of 75 acres. The program and all activities were under the direction of Dr. John W. Wright, who has been a leader in the field. The camp showed such remarkable physical improvement that the Society, to insure its permanence, has established a fund to support the camp.

NO DEFLATION

The society duplicates the functions of no other agency, public or private, in the state. It is the only organization that can provide a home for crippled children, and the only organization that can provide an educational service for crippled children. The Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, the State Department of Education of Physically Handicapped Children, expand in its purchase of land and buildings, and the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and the public to a better understanding of the individual needs of the handicapped, and to a better understanding of the needs of the handicapped, and to a better understanding of the needs of the handicapped.

SERVICES RESTRICTED

To its formative and developmental stages, limited to providing special teachers for crippled children who were unable to attend regular schools, the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children has now expanded to include the provision of a home for crippled children, and the use of wheelchairs, braces, crutches and other orthopedic devices.

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SWIMMING POOL

Elmhurst is also equipped with a large swimming pool in the basement. Although the pool was empty when the picture was taken, Robert Fenn of Bath, who suffers from a crippled foot, waits for the water to be turned on.



THE GREENHOUSE—Mrs. Burton L. Preston of Brunswick, executive director of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, inspects the greenhouse contingent with the Elmhurst property which has been given to the society.



MODERN KITCHEN—Mrs. Rebecca A. Asborn, director of the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children, and Mrs. Burton L. Preston, executive director right, inspect the culinary department of Elmhurst, recently acquired property of the society.

CUPBOARD BARE—Soon this quest for cookies by Ralph Wright, of Bath, a former camper, won't be so vain. His news results are verified by Miss Margaret E. Stackpole of Augusta, a staff member of the occupational therapy department.